THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS {SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Harassment of tribals of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra

1213. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the harassment of poor tribals of Gadchiroli and other districts of Maharashtra under the grave of controlling Naxalite movement came to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has made inquiry in these incidents;

(d) if so, the findings of CBI; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to stop unnecessary harassment to the tribals of the area?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growing social unrest in tribal areas

1214. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing social unrest in several tribal areas of the country which is being exploited by the Naxalite elements;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of factors leading to this social unrest; and

(c) if so, the details of findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUAL ORAM): (a) There has been an increase in Naxalite activities in the States of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa, which have a fairly large population of tribals. In

these three States 492 incidents of Naxalite violence took place during the current financial year (upto October, 31) as against 362 reported in the corresponding period last year.

(b) and (c) No specific study has been conducted by the f\4inistry on this issue. However the widespread social economic and regional inequities prevalent in these States, poverty, unemployment.and displacement of the tribals from their habitat remain the basic causes for the continuance and spatial expansion of Naxalite activities.

HUOCO loans for rural and urban housing

1215. SHRl LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the loans provided by HUDCO for rural and urban housing from the year 2000 to 2002, State-wise;

(b) the estimated shortage of housing in urban and rural areas of the country as on 30th September, 2002, State-wise;

(c) whether the targets set during the years 1999-2000,2000-01 and 2001 -02 have not been achieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION {SHRl PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) State-wise details of loan sanctioned by Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) for rural and urban housing during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 are given at Statement-I and II (See below).

(b) The estimated shortage of housing in urban and rural areas of the country as on 30.9.2002 is not available. However, Worlting Group oh Urban Housing for the 10th Five Year Plan has estimated housing shortage in urban areas in the 10th Plan period at 22.44 million dwelling units. An exercise undertaken by the Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission in 1997 has projected housing shortage in rural-areas by 2002 *i.e.* at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan as 12.60 million.